
By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Massage Therapists and Massage Practitioners**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that it is a misdemeanor for a person to provide a
4 massage or offer to provide a massage to an another person for compensation in
5 Washington County unless the person providing the massage is a certified
6 massage therapist or a registered massage practitioner; authorizing the Board
7 of County Commissioners of Washington County to adopt certain ordinances or
8 regulations relating to massage establishments and the practice of massage
9 therapists and practitioners in Washington County; requiring the Board of
10 County Commissioners to provide for the Washington County Health Officer
11 and the Office of Sheriff for Washington County to enforce certain ordinances or
12 regulations; and generally relating to massage therapists and massage
13 practitioners in Washington County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 3-5A-11(d) and 3-5A-14
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article - Health Occupations
21 Section 3-5A-11(e)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Health Occupations

2 3-5A-11.

3 (d) (1) In Charles County AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, an individual may
4 not perform a massage or offer to perform a massage on another person for
5 compensation unless the individual who performs the massage or offers to perform a
6 massage is a certified massage therapist or registered massage practitioner.

7 (2) A law enforcement officer in Charles County OR WASHINGTON
8 COUNTY may demand proof of certification or registration.

9 (e) Any individual who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a
10 misdemeanor and on conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or
11 imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

12 3-5A-14.

13 (a) In Charles County AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, the County
14 Commissioners may adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage
15 establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and
16 any other individuals who provide massage for compensation.

17 (b) (1) The Charles County Commissioners shall provide that the Director of
18 the Charles County Health Department and the Office of the Sheriff for Charles
19 County has the authority to carry out the provisions of the ordinances or regulations
20 adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

21 (2) THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE THAT
22 THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR
23 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF
24 THE ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
25 SECTION.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2003.